

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A magnetic recording medium comprising:
- an in-plane magnetic film used for recording, the in-plane magnetic film having a magnetization easy axis in an in-plane direction;
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- a perpendicular magnetic film formed on said in-plane magnetic film, the perpendicular magnetic film having a magnetization easy axis oriented in a direction perpendicular to said magnetization easy axis of said in-plane magnetic film,
- 15 wherein a tBr of said perpendicular magnetic film is set so as not to exceed one-fifth of a tBr of said in-plane magnetic film at the maximum, where the tBr is the product of a thickness and a residual magnetization.
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2. The magnetic recording medium as claimed in claim 1, wherein said perpendicular magnetic film has a thickness not exceeding 5 nm at
- 30 the maximum.
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3. The magnetic recording medium as claimed in claim 1, wherein an anisotropic magnetic field H_k of said perpendicular magnetic film is set

at least 1.2 times as large as an anisotropic magnetic field H_k of said in-plane magnetic film.

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4. The magnetic recording medium as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a nonmagnetic spacer provided between said in-plane magnetic film and said perpendicular magnetic film.

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5. The magnetic recording medium as claimed in claim 4, wherein said nonmagnetic spacer has a thickness not exceeding 2 nm.

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6. The magnetic recording medium as claimed in claim 1, wherein said perpendicular magnetic film is formed of one of a Co-group alloy and a Co-group artificial lattice film.

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7. A magnetic recording and reproducing device including:

a magnetic recording medium comprising:
an in-plane magnetic film used for recording, the in-plane magnetic film having a magnetization easy axis in an in-plane direction;
and

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a perpendicular magnetic film formed on

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5 said in-plane magnetic film, the perpendicular magnetic film having a magnetization easy axis oriented in a direction perpendicular to said magnetization easy axis of said in-plane magnetic film,

wherein a tBr of said perpendicular magnetic film is set so as not to exceed one-fifth of a tBr of said in-plane magnetic film at the maximum, where the tBr is the product of a thickness
10 and a residual magnetization.

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